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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Kaisersteinbruch, near Goetzendorf and in Traiskirchen

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Eight AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzles and four other artillery pieces, which source believed to be howitzers of about 150-mm, were seen at the edge of the woods east of the cantonment. Soldiers observed in the billeting area wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. Two lieutenant colonels and one major, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, left the cantonment. \* Soldiers were seen walking from the cantonment to the cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch, on the south side of the road to Sommerein (P 48/X 67) and vice versa. Officers noticed in the latter cantonment included 17 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 22 officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 3 officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets.

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were identified. Five other AT guns were also seen. Troops at platoon strength and wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced with two small-caliber mortars and other weapons at the drill field near the quarters. They later returned to the quarters. Officers seen entering the federal boarding school in the course of one morning included about 35 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 2 lieutenant colonels, and 12 officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including 4 majors. \*\*\* No changes were noticed at the large radio station. Eight officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen at the radio station.

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during a 20-minute period of observation. Four trucks were in the park.

25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment. On 24 October 1951, only 8 AA guns were seen in the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch, while, on 2 October 1951, 28 AA guns had been observed. See [REDACTED]. The present report for the first time mentions 150-mm guns. Since the caliber was estimated from a large distance, it was probably misidentified and should read 122-mm. Further information is required to determine whether the artillery unit will permanently be stationed in Kaisersteinbruch. The artillery pieces may belong to the 32d Gds Arty Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, the location of which is undetermined at present.

25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The information fails to specify the units quartered in the Fasanengarten Kaserne. [REDACTED] only confirm elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div as being quartered there.

25X1A \*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. It appears that the 45th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Traiskirchen was at the post on 27 October 1951.

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